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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6976

BILL NUMBER: SB 406

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: New Grant Office in Department of Commerce.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill creates a Grant Office within the Department of Commerce to work with federal agencies, state agencies, colleges and universities, and private sector entities to develop and receive research and development grants.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill creates a Grant Office in the Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC) to be a clearinghouse of: (1) available research and development grant funding sources, and (2) certain Indiana public and private entities that might benefit from federal and private research and development grants. The bill also requires the Grant Office to assist grant seekers in preparing grant applications and other documentation. It is estimated that these responsibilities could potentially require two PAT III staff members and a COMOT III staff member. This estimate is based on staffing of similar responsibilities at grant/procurement operations at selected higher education institutions. The total cost for the three staff members, including salary, fringe benefits, and indirect costs, is estimated to be \$117,076 in FY 2004 and \$116,147 in FY 2005.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. The December 7, 2002, state staffing table indicates that the IDOC has 52 vacant full-time positions, including regional office positions. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background: The detailed responsibilities established in the bill for the IDOC Grant Office are as follows.

(1) The bill specifies that the Grant Office assist Indiana state agencies, public and private colleges and universities, and for-profit and nonprofit entities in researching and developing grant and funding sources, including from the federal government, private foundations, and other funding sources.

(2) The bill requires the Grant Office to search and identify sources of available research and development grants from private foundations and other private sources.

(3) The bill requires the Grant Office to establish and maintain a list of all Indiana state and local government entities, public and private colleges and universities, and for-profit and nonprofit entities that might benefit from federal or private foundation research and development grant money.

(4) The bill requires the Grant Office to assist possible grant recipients in preparing applications and all other documentation to aggressively seek funding for Indiana entities.

Explanation of State Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Commerce.

Local Agencies Affected:

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